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Good morning Joan. You may recall that some Senators exploded a stink bomb in the Executive Offices of the Central Intelligence Agency last summer. Well, I'm afraid the odor is still lingering. First, there was the flap over the appointment of Max Hugel to the most sensitive job in the Agency. He had no background in Intelligence work, yet he was put in charge of covert operations. He resigned under fire when two former business associates, Thomas and Samuel McNell accused him of cheating them in a stock deal; but the McNell brothers didn't stay around to press charges. They disappeared after blowing the whistle on Hugel. Well, here's an update. My sources say the McNell brothers have contacted their families and assured them they are alive and well; but they still refuse to come in out of the cold and tell what they know. Well, not long after the Hugel-McNell incident, a Senate Committee began investigating CIA Director, Bill Casey himself. He responded with a blustering defense at a Senate Hearing and the matter dropped out of the headlines; but I can report that the Senate Committee is still looking into Casey's past business dealings. I've seen a Confidential report by the Committee Staff; it tells what the Senate investigators are doing and gives their findings so far. Well, they're investigating Casey's links to the international swindler, Robert Vesco for one thing. Vesco's Mutual

Fund was a heavy investor in a company Casey helped to found.
The investigators were also checking on Casey's relationship
with a business associate who has ties to organized crime.
Now these are the sort of associations that could hurt the
career of the CIA agent, but the CIA Director has denied that
he is tainted. David.